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| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR |) | |
| LIMITING THE MOVEMENT OF A |) | |
| ROBOT, AND A ROBOT |) | |
| EQUIPPED WITH SAID |) | |
| APPARATUS |) | |

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